Amendments to the Specification

Please delete the heading "Description" before paragraph [0001].

Please add the following new heading before paragraph [0002]:
BACKGROUND

Please add the following new heading before paragraph [0003]:
SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Please replace paragraph [0003] with the following amended paragraph:
[0003] ~~The invention is based on the objective of providing~~ An object of the present invention is to provide a method and a device with which the removal of non-regenerable particle constituents from a filter is simplified.

Please add the following new heading before paragraph [0010]:
BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Please add the following new heading before paragraph [0014]:
DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Please replace paragraph [0015] with the following amended paragraph:
[0015] The embodiment according to the section depicted in Figure 2 and the top view in Figure 2a show a filter 1a which, in principle, functions in the same manner as the previously described filter 1 although it is constructed differently. Here, the filter 1a is configured in the form of a cylinder and the collecting chamber 4a is preferably arranged in the center axis of the cylinder. The outlet area in this embodiment is formed by a collecting channel 9a that in principle can be arranged anywhere in the filter 1a. The clean gas channels 7a are open towards this collecting channel 9a ~~1a [sic]~~, while the raw gas channels 3a are open towards the collecting chamber 4a. This filter 1a is placed into a housing in which the inlet area leading into the raw gas channel 3a surrounds the filter 1a like a ring. The outlet area with its centered outlet leading out of the

housing is connected to the collecting channel 9a. The particle constituents collect as an agglomerate 6a in the receiving device 5a. Within the scope of the invention, the configuration of the filter 1, 1a shown in each of the embodiments can also have any other desired design (oval, conical, rectangular, etc.).

On page 7, please replace the heading with the following new heading:

~~Claims~~ <u>WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:</u>